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Venezuelan Race

CARACAS—Counting of ballots in Venezuela's presidential race slowed conspicuously, and there were reports of computer trouble and the discovery of irregularities at some polling places.

Social Christian Rafael Caldera's lead narrowed to 24,740 votes—he had 895,308 to 870,568 for Democratic Action candidate Gonzalo Barrios, with 85 to 90 per cent of the vote counted—but three officials of the Supreme Electoral Council told reporters he could not lose. The Council said it would proclaim a winner by the weekend.